



# Department of Student Support Services

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**Dear Parents/Guardians of Current 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and/or 11<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

The WV Department of Education and the WV Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health have updated school entry requirements to minimize health barriers to attendance and learning. They follow current recommendations from the US Center for Disease Control (CDC).

**All students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Fall 2017 are requested to have:**

- Health Check / Physical exam (completed within prior 12 calendar months)
- Dental exam (completed within prior 12 calendar months)
- *Turn in documentation of Health Check and dental exam to your child's school prior to the first day of school for students, August 2017*

**All students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2017:**

- **Must** have one dose of the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) vaccine
- **Must** have one dose of the MCV (Meningococcal) vaccine
- **Turn in copy/proof of required vaccines to your child's school by Friday, May 19, 2017**
- Health Check/ Physical exam (completed within prior 12 calendar months)
- Dental exam (completed within prior 12 calendar months)
- *Turn in documentation of Health Check and dental exam to your child's school prior to the first day of school for students, August 2017*

**All students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2017:**

- **Must** also have had at least one dose of the Tdap vaccine
- **Must** have second dose of the Meningococcal vaccine. (If the first dose of the Meningococcal vaccine was received after the age 16, only one dose of this vaccine is required.)
- **Turn in copy/proof of required vaccines to your child's school by Friday, May 19, 2017**

Please contact your family physician to schedule an appointment or visit the local Health Department and have your child vaccinated so that he or she can attend the first day of class next fall. This is very important!

Please direct questions concerning immunization requirements to the Bureau for Public Health Division of Immunization Services (DIS) by phone at 1-800-642-3634 or visit the DIS on the web at [www.wvimmunization.org](http://www.wvimmunization.org).

Sincerely,

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